

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday April 28th, 2024

News from the IRTS

The IRTS celebrated its 91st Annual AGM Weekend over the weekend of the 13th and 14th of April 2024. The venue for this year's event was once again the Shearwater Hotel, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway with the Shannon Basin Radio Club again hosting the event this year. A great weekend was had by all who attended and the IRTS wish to thank everyone for coming along over the weekend. The weekend kicked off on Saturday afternoon with a series of very interesting workshop type talks on various aspects of the hobby.

A wonderful Gala Dinner took place on the Saturday night with close on 90 people attending. The IRTS was honoured to have RSGB President John McCullagh MBE, GI4BWM, his wife Grace and Senator Aisling Dolan in attendance at the dinner. MC for the evening Seany EI2HZB started the evening by inviting Fr. Foley EI4CF to say grace. Seany then invited IRTS President Enda EI2II to speak.

Enda welcomed all to the dinner and thanked John, Grace, and Aisling for coming. RSGB president John then addressed the room and thanked the IRTS for inviting him to the function. He expressed his delight at having the opportunity to attend the talks earlier in the day and in finishing, he gave us a brief update on the new changes recently introduced by Ofcom to the UK amateur licence conditions.

Senator Aisling Dolan then spoke on how we need to engage with youth as youth is the future. She also spoke on the importance of reaching out to young people. During the evening, Enda made a special presentation to Rory Hinchy EI4DJB to thank him for his 30 years of unbroken service to the society. The Saturday evening activities finished off with the presentation of some of the service awards for 2024 to various people.

Following a great Shannon Basin Radio Club rally on Sunday morning, the 2024 IRTS AGM took place on Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m. with close on 70 members attending. The meeting was chaired by President Enda EI2II. Following reports from IRTS treasurer David EI3IXB and IRTS secretary Owen EI4GGB, the committee for 2024 was then elected. As there were no other nominations received for any of the committee positions, the committee nominated positions as posted in the spring edition of Echo Ireland were elected. Brendan Lynch EI6GA who had been an auditor of the society for many years had indicated some time ago that he wished to retire from that role.

The IRTS wish to thank Brendan for his sterling service to the society over many years and we wish him well for the future. The vacant auditor position was then filled by Ralph

EI2KU. IRTS President Enda in his speech thanked everyone for their help and support over the past year. He also thanked the many volunteers who do so much work in the background to keep the IRTS going. Enda also spoke of the many different events both nationally and internationally he had attended over the previous 12 months in his role as IRTS President.

Enda concluded by saying that the 2025 IRTS AGM weekend will be held in Carlow over the weekend of the 12th and 13th of April and will be hosted by the EI2WRC group. The day finished off with the remaining trophies presented to competition winners and other award winners for 2023. A full list of the new committee for 2024, other roles, and award winners for 2024 will be available soon on the IRTS website.

The next IRTS Committee meeting, which will be a physical meeting, will take place on Saturday, May 4th at 11:00 a.m. sharp in the Maldron Hotel, Abbeyleix Rd, Portlaoise, Co. Laois, Eircode R32 HKN3. All IRTS affiliated clubs are reminded that under Rule 16.1, the members in each affiliated club, society, or other body, may elect a representative and an alternate annually to attend IRTS Committee meetings both physical and online. Clubs wishing to send a representative should notify the IRTS Secretary, Owen EI4GGB at [irts_secretary /at/ irts.ie](mailto:irts_secretary@irts.ie).

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group EI2WRC

The April meeting of the EI2WRC group will take place tomorrow Monday, April 29th at 8 p.m. sharp at the New Community Men's Shed, Ozanam Centre, Coffee House Lane, Waterford. Anyone that has an interest in amateur radio or communications in general are very welcome to come along. SWLs are in particular very welcome to attend. For more information about EI2WRC, their activities, and for contact details please see www.searg.ie

Radio Scouting Ireland and Shannon Basin Radio Club team up for Camp North East

Radio Scouting Ireland has been invited to put on radio and STEM related activities at "Camp North East" in Portlick scout campsite, near Athlone Co. Westmeath. The event will take place over the weekend of May 3rd to May 6th. There will be over 400 scouts in attendance. Assisting in a big way will be the local radio club, Shannon Basin Radio Club.

There will be six stations on air including HF operation on the 80m to 10m bands using SSB, CW, and digital modes. In addition, UHF/VHF simplex as well as repeater operation via the SBRC repeater EI2SBR will be supported. The output frequency of the EI2SBR repeater is 145.775MHz and the CTCSS access tone is 77Hz.

There will also be several PMR activities including orienteering, flag hunts, and obstacle course navigation. Radio Scouting Ireland will be operating EI10JOTA. You are asked to please listen out for them and support them in any ways you can.

South Dublin Radio Club AGM

South Dublin Radio Club's AGM will take place at 8 p.m. on Tuesday 21st of May 2024 at Ballyroan community centre on the Marian Road in Rathfarnham. All members are asked to attend.

Mills on the Air with Shannon Basin Radio Club

Shannon Basin Radio Club will activate Elphin Windmill in Co. Roscommon as part of the Mills on the Air weekend. This event runs over the weekend of May 11th and 12th. The club will operate HF and VHF stations from within the fully restored 18th century windmill that is over 300 years old. All are welcome to join either in person or over the air.

Rally Reminders

Lough Erne Amateur Radio Club's 40th rally takes place next week on Sunday 5th May 2024. The location is the Share Discovery Village, Lisnaskea, Enniskillen BT92 0JZ. Doors open at 11 a.m. and admission is five euro or five pound which includes a ticket for the draw on the day.

Items for Inclusion in Next Week's Radio News

That is the news for this week. Items for inclusion in next week's radio news can be submitted by email to [newsteam /at/ irts.ie](mailto:newsteam@irts.ie) for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. The deadline is midnight on Thursday.

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